

CAMPUS SCENE



HIV TESTING

The Student Health Center is offering free HIV testing on September 22 and 23 in Campus Center 104 from noon to 2 p.m. The results will be available on September 29 and 30.



FEDERAL STUDENT AID

Students that want federal student aid and do not have a high school diploma or general equivalence diploma need to pass a test to be eligible.

The test will be given on September 28 at 2 p.m. in the Administration building Room 126.

No appointment is necessary. Students just need to bring their identification.



LAPD RECRUITING

Recruiters from the Los Angeles Police Department will be at Valley College on September 30 in front of the business office from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



ASSOCIATED STUDENT UNION

ASU, Valley College's student government holds weekly meetings regarding student issues on Tuesdays from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in Campus Center 104.



MATH TESTING

Students can avoid taking Math 115 by taking a math competency test.

Students need to get 15 questions right out of 30 to pass.

The test will be given on September 22 at 6 p.m. in the Administration building Room 126.

No appointment is necessary. Students need to bring their identification.

The test lasts 60 minutes and can only be taken once.



MATH LAB HOURS

Free tutoring is offered for all math classes with computer and videotape tutorials available for some of the classes.

The Lab is located in Math Science building Room 106.

The hours are:
Monday to Friday: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Tuesdays: 3:30 to 7 p.m.
Wednesdays: 4 to 7 p.m.

NEWS TIPS

Anyone with news tips or other information related to Valley College news can call the Valley Star at (818) 947-2576.

Above all the rest...



Cheerleading squad members look on as a teammate practices a toetouch for the upcoming competitions.
See story on sports page 7.

Marteena Tamayo/Valley Star

ASU adds seven officials at meeting

By DENNIS SANCHEZ
STAR REPORTER

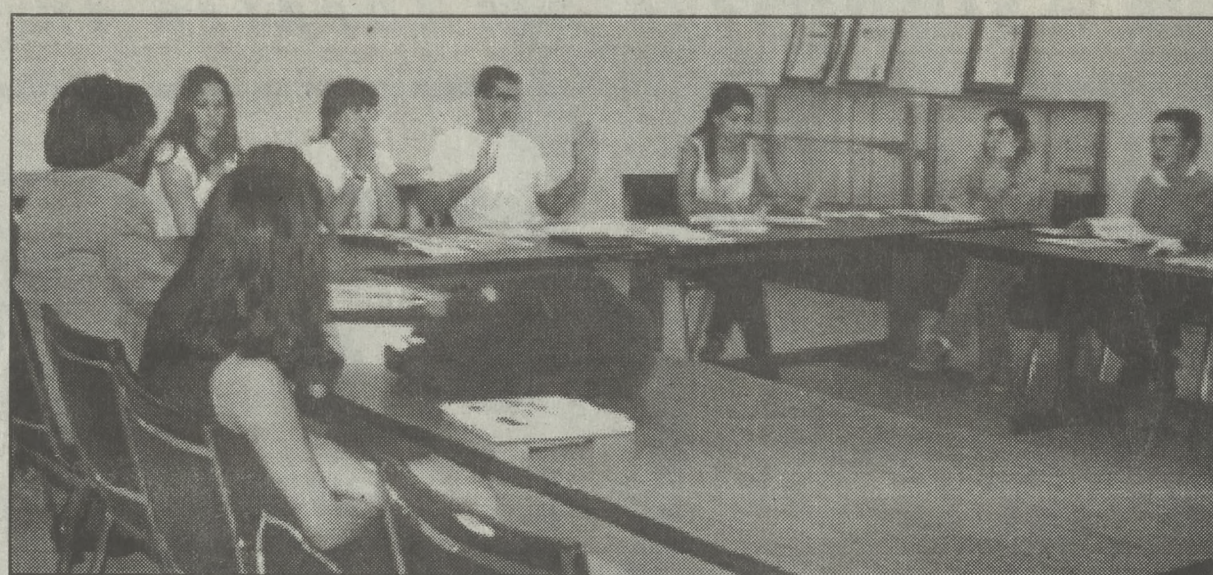
The Associated Student Union is ready for business after voting in all but two of their officers on Sept. 10 at their Tuesday meeting.

Valley College's ASU's new officials for Fall 1998 are: Nanci Armstrong, director of public relations; Shana Bempchat, chief justice; Alicia Farr, treasurer; Joel Feldman, commissioner of evening division; Justine Lozano, commissioner of ethnic and cultural affairs; Wilma Monroe, commissioner of Fine Arts; and Ani Shirinian, secretary.

Together, with last semester's elected officials: Armen Orujyan, president; Norma Hans, vice president; Maynor Orellana, commissioner of athletics; and Annette Lemmo, commissioner of political affairs, they are looking to improve and continue the work done by ASU last semester.

"This year the ASU team is strong. Everyone is motivated and determined to work hard," Orujyan said.

The ASU officers agenda includes improving the school



ASU president Armen Orujyan leads the discussion in one of ASU's weekly meetings

Marcy Petrique/Valley Star

facilities, getting more businesses to offer the ASU discount and control over the book prices, Orujyan said.

School facilities funded by the ASU include the Art Gallery, Learning Center, Biology Lab and Math Lab.

The \$7 membership fee is a large part of this funding.

"Please pay the ASU membership because it goes to support the Math and Biology Labs and

other school places," Orujyan said.

With membership, students can get various incentives such as discounts in local businesses from 10 to 15 percent.

Also on campus at the Pulse Copy Center, located on the southwest corner of the cafeteria.

The semester's ASU has an open door policy to all students. They are willing to work with anyone and encourage all stu-

dents to voice their ideas on how to improve the campus.

To voice an opinion, concern or idea, students can attend the open meetings held on Tuesdays from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in Campus Center 104.

If there are any students interested in becoming ASU officers, there are two open positions.

For information students can go to the Student Services in CC 100.

Club Days show school spirit

Members of Tau Alpha Epsilon encourage students to buy baked goods at Club Day held in front of the bookstore.

Eric Maas/Valley Star



By NANCY E. BARAHONA
STAR REPORTER

Club Day was held at Valley College on Wednesday in Monarch Square.

"It's good that they are trying to represent and make a name for themselves," Marlon Martinez said.

Club Day consists of bake

sales and is a way for clubs to show students who they are and what they are about.

"I participate in Club Day to recruit members and understand different cultures of America," Alberto Rivera, president of Premedical, Engineering, and Science Scholars Association said.

Chartered clubs for Fall 98

- American Indian Student Association
- American Political Culture Club
- Armenian Club
- Astronomy Club
- Black Student Union
- Broadcasting Club
- California Nursing Student Association
- Choral Counsel
- Grace on Campus
- Hillel
- Journalism Club
- Mecha
- Premedical, Engineering, and Science Scholars
- Philipino United Student Organization
- Speech Team *pending
- Spirit Club
- Tau Alpha Epsilon
- Valley Collegiate Players

Fund given to promote success for students

By Scheereen Dedman
STAR REPORTER

The fund for Student Success received a \$50,000 grant submitted by the State Chancellor's Office.

The grant was developed by Rick Brossman from the counseling department. It was created to fund the district's first Service Learning program, which was formed in August, 1996 when Brossman organized a staff development workshop. The workshop was meant to educate the campus about this program.

The Service Learning Program offers students a chance to volunteer at partici-

pating non-profit organizations, which there are 50 of, such as the Braille Institute, Children's Institute International, Covenant House California and March of Dimes.

Sixty-five students have been placed with the agencies. This number has increased since last semester.

"A student volunteers at a non-profit agency and then receives credit for a class," Brossman said. "It's totally up to the instructor."

Desire Deleazar, program coordinator, was hired to build the program and work on new

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project ideas.

Programs were developed that will let Valley College volunteers help out with the children from the community. One program will help motivate Ulysses S. Grant High school's ninth grade students to stay in school, do better in their classes and avoid joining gangs, Brossman said.

Another program will allow Valley Students to assist the Los Angeles Police Department. They will help with the LAPD's domestic violence program, as well as their Jeopardy Program which uses sports programs and tutoring to prevent children from joining gangs because of peer pressure.

The third program allows students to volunteer at Erwin Elementary School to assist children with their reading.

"They begin to test their interests in the world of work," Brossman said.

By allowing students to participate in this program it helps them stay involved with their field of study or their field of interest, so they stay in class, Brossman said.

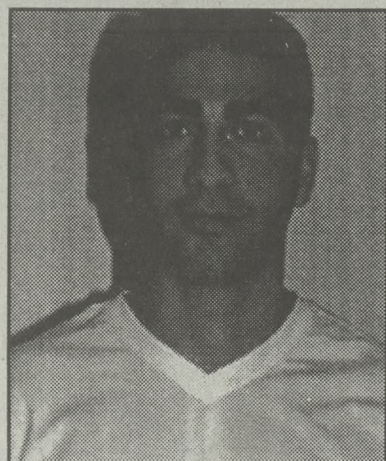
"They [the instructors] make it relevant to the curriculum," Brossman explained. "It helps with the retention issue. The work can be considered for extra credit or may go in place of a project or other assignments in the class. Our goal is to integrate Valley College with its community."

These are the people in your neighborhood...

Meet the Associated Student Union Officers

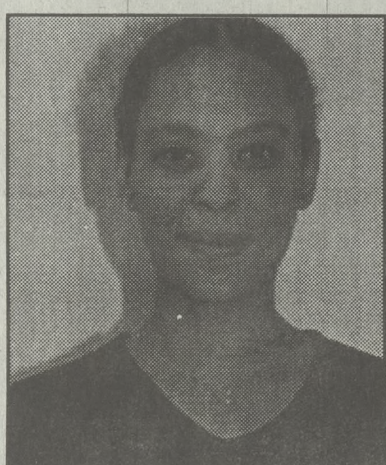
ASU officers were asked what their goals as officers were or why they decided to join the student government. This was their response.

Not pictured are: Shana Bempchat, chief justice; Annette Lemmo, commissioner of political affairs; Wilma Monroe, commissioner of fine arts; and Ani Shirinian, secretary.



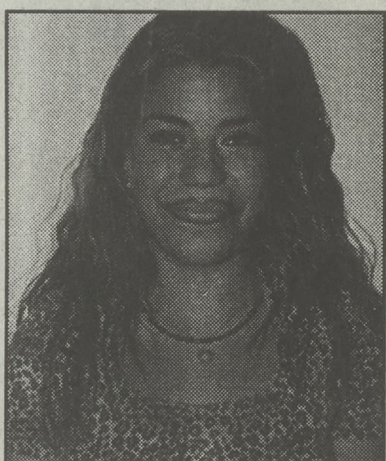
**Armen Orujyan,
president**

"I want to bring Valley College to a standard which it deserves in the community and to all the students. I want to provide leadership to the students and with this ASU we can do it."



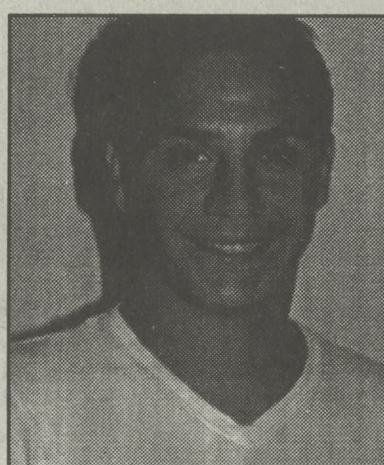
**Nanci Armstrong,
commissioner of public relations**

"My main goal is to make the ASU and all our accomplishments more visible and attractive to the general student body."



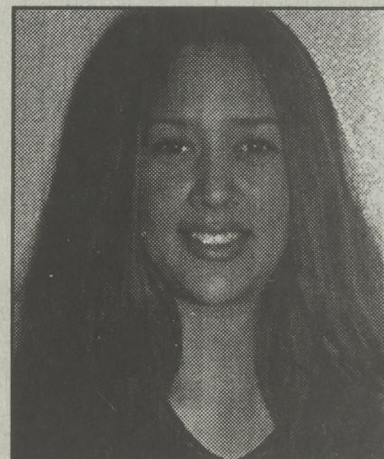
**Justine Lozano,
commissioner of ethnic and cultural affairs**

"I joined ASU to get to know other cultures and to understand other cultures better and maybe learn something more at the same time."



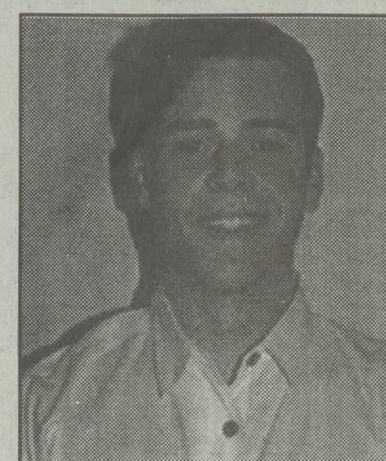
**Maynor Orellana,
commissioner of athletics**

"As commissioner of athletics I'm involved with all the sports, such as baseball, basketball and water polo, that a lot of people don't know. Our main concern is to let everyone know that we have got these really good teams in our school. We have been on some of the top 10 ranking in state or nation."



**Eliza Farr,
treasurer**

"I joined ASU because I knew of the coming elections and I wanted to see how the student government works. I was part of the inner council club last semester and had an idea of how things ran. I just want to help everyone out in other departments. We have a great team this year and we're just getting started."



**Joel Feldman,
commissioner of evening division**

"My job as I see it is to communicate with the evening students. The services have not been well communicated. I hope to establish a better link of communication."



**Norma Hans,
vice president**

"I want to give ASU a good name and bring more awareness to them and the good things we have done in our community."

The ASU offices are located in Campus Center 102.



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Valley Star

Friday, September 18, 1998

Editorial . . .

Show us the money! Then ask for pride

Let's go on a scavenger hunt. Try to find these items on the Valley College campus: a newly renovated building, 100 air-conditioned classrooms, a teacher happily satisfied with his salary and the camera for student ID's.

Chances are, you will not find any of these. Have students not paid for all this and more? Why is Valley the most outdated campus out of all LACCD?

Why are students drowning in a puddle of sweat as they attempt to follow a lecture in 102 degree heat and no air conditioner?

Yes, it's the education students are paying for, but there are a number of other locations to fulfill this requirement. Wouldn't it be a good idea to give Valley a little face lift to enhance our name and reputation?

Think about it. If you are paying the same price, why stay at the Motel 6 instead of the Hilton? Therefore, why go to Valley instead of Pierce? Or why not change districts, drive about 15 more minutes to Glendale Community College and sit in brand new, air-conditioned classrooms and study in a huge new library?

There is a ton of bureaucracy haunting LACCD, and nothing is accomplished. We are always hearing the D word, being deficit.

There is never enough money. That seems to be a stagnant fact. So let's prioritize! It is 102 degrees in the Valley during the summer, cool air would be nice.

Salaries, electric bills and technology are a given. There is money! The state backs at least \$3,500 per full time student and everyone attending Valley is paying at least \$12 a unit, unless he is out of state. This does not include the crazy prices of

books.

Doing the math would take a while, but in general, there is a lot of cash rolling into education. The problem is not enough dollars are pouring into the correct categories for an improved campus students take pride in.

Why do CSUs or UCs receive more money than community colleges? A full time student at CSUN gets almost double the money for full time students and UCs rank even higher.

Why is it that students at Valley receive less?

The first two years everyone is getting their GEs so why not equate the compensation?

Where can anyone really go to complain?

The journey always comes to a dead end. Students are clueless as to where their money is going and are so frustrated with the end result, apathy

takes over and nothing is changed.

There are Town Hall meetings that address various financial and structural issues. However, who ever knows when they are held?

They need more publicity. Most students will not make the effort to find out, but if flyers or class bulletins are shoved in their faces, more voices could be heard.

Everyone is always complaining about having more pride in Valley. Give us a reason. We are behind the times.

Our administration is fighting, but how can we win the war, if a simple battle like an air-conditioner is always lost? And our soldiers, the students, do not know where to fight.



Who wrote the book on love? . . .

Sex lives are the least of our worries

By ITAY DARVISH
STAR REPORTER

So what if Clinton likes to play games with his cigars? Who ever said it was wrong? We are making such a big deal over this and we have no idea why.

A president commits adultery, and bam! We freak! He's human, people. Live with it. I am.

Has it really changed anything? What Bill does in his "Oral Office," is none of our damn business! So Monica's cheeks are a little chubby, because she's hiding evidence. Why should we care?

We are paying so much money to watch this crap on television and frankly, I'm really getting annoyed with it. The U.S. bombing the Middle East is one thing, and adultery is another. If you ask me, I would rather have the

U.S. explain to me more about why we bomb, rather than how good little Billy gave it to Monica.

It's on the news 24 hours a day, and on all of the entertainment channels daily.

So let's think about it; we have a president who is a good looking guy from what I hear, and he cheats on his wife.

So what! Ask me if I want to make an issue about it?

We flock like birds to hear these stupid stories about our president. Impeach Clinton? Why? He's just doing what many Americans have done, or are doing.

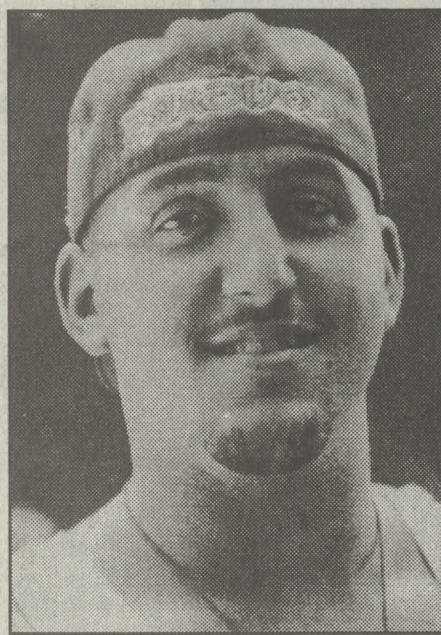
So, no. Keep him. He's a good president. And let's not worry so much about sex, people, especially other people's sex lives.

We have better fish to fry.

Till next time, sip your tea slowly.



With all the money you are paying for classes, books etc., where do you think it's going?



"It's not going back to us, that's for sure."

—Ibrahim Abusway



"It should be going to the air-conditioning. We're dying of the heat."

—Ronen Secharia



"I hope it goes to salaries, but I could imagine a percentage of it going to hoopla."

—Erika Lloyd



"Probably into more pockets here than to us. There's someone collecting all the money they charge for this place."

—Sabrina Muhlmeyer

photos by Kathy Lustig

Get a load of this. . .

Ignore competition, enjoy records breaking

By ANITA TORRES
STAR REPORTER

Streamers flying, balloons soaring, thousands of fans cheering, and a near ten minute delay in the game, are what met Mark McGwire upon his hitting his 62nd, record breaking home run.

At a time when positive public figures are rare, this slightly over exaggerated fanfare was pleasant to see. The world got to watch while McGwire picked up his son, hugged his teammates, and recognized the Maris family. People were excited and inspired, and the event has been one of the most talked about subjects for the past week.

Sammy Sosa, who was only behind McGwire by two home runs going into Sunday's game, had an incredible possibility to tie or even break McGwire's record that day. As it turns out, Sosa did tie McGwire's record of 62 home runs that game, and although his fans and teammates were

supportive, the recognition he got was far from comparable to that of McGwire's.

Although it is understandable that McGwire was the first to break the record, thus explaining the hype, that doesn't make Sosa's accomplishment any less deserving.

Each home run should be celebrated as an amazing feat, and we should be thrilled at the chance to witness history being made. Apparently though, many people are just interested in the competition, and obsessed with who's going to win.

If competition is what everyone's after, then I'm sure the show is not over yet. The two are tied once again, this time at 63, and there are still more games to play.

At the end of the season, even if McGwire ends up with the record, at least Sosa will always know that he gave the record breaker some tough competition, and that he did it without the use of steroids, "legal" or illegal.

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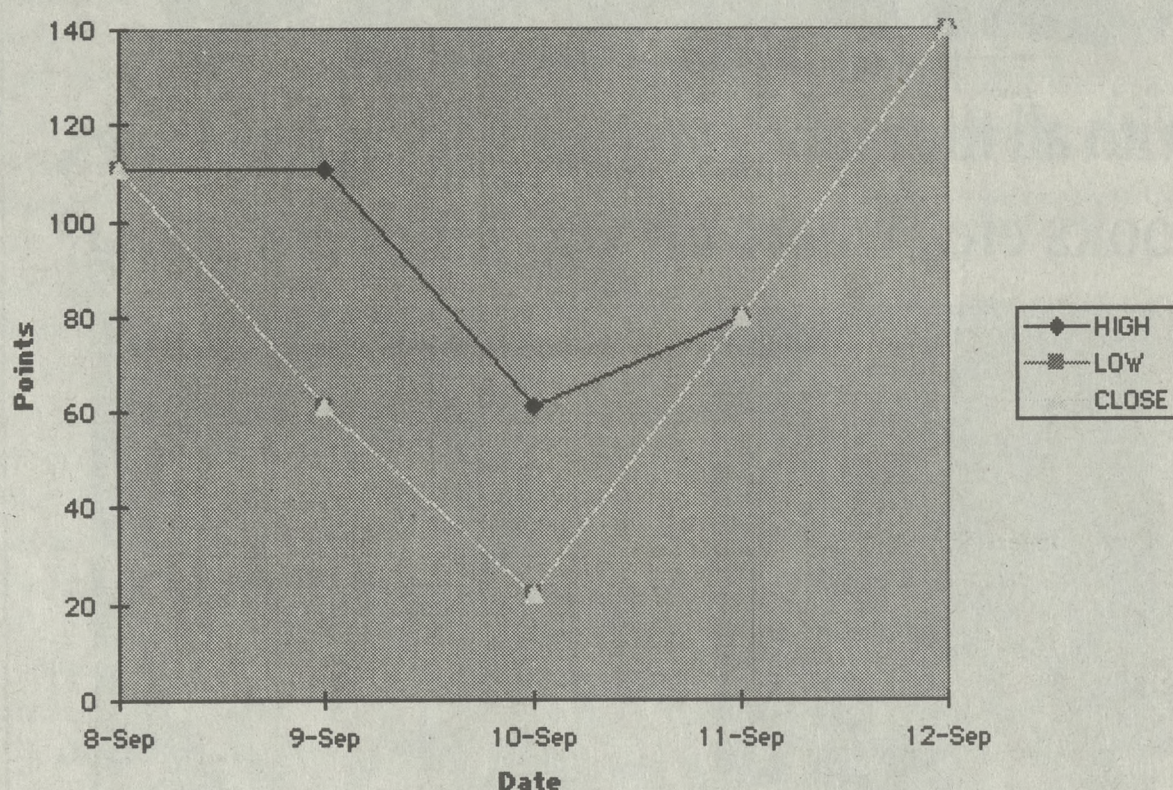
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VALLEY 30



The Valley College 30 is a miniature stock index of various companies with either Small-cap wealth or Large-cap wealth. The market is based on real time quotes and analysis from the Dow Jones, Nasdaq, and Amex stock markets.

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Gap	8.93	7.88	Bank of America	45.37	46.25
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Tiffany	8.75	11.31		294.97	321.50
TELECOMMUNICATIONS			COMPUTERS		
Nokia	72.50	82.82	Compaq	29.68	32.18
Airtouch	56.87	63.48	Gateway	47.17	52.61
Motorola	39.87	45.87	IBM	119.37	128.12
Sprint	64.43	73.18	Hewlett Packard	50.43	50.80
TRAVEL			INDUSTRY		
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American	50.00	61.73	Entertainment		
Continental	37.37	40.62	Disney	28.25	24.44
SouthWest	17.62	19.99			
US Airway	48.87	61.73			

MISC		
Borders	22.25	26.94
Barnes@Nobles	24.25	27.75
Pepsi	30.93	32.50
Coca-Cola	62.18	68.56
Fannie Mae	58.12	65.55
Best Buys	46.12	50.73

The Valley 30 closed on a record high 139.94 points due to a strong economy and President Bill Clinton's approval rating. However, this weeks dip was due to anticipated goveral impeachemnt proceedings and global turmoil in Russia, Asia, and Latin American markets.

Quicker ways for student enrollment.....

By Richard Ades
Star Reporter

Students who have started Valley College have found it difficult to enroll in classes because of its size, long lines at the admissions office, and not enough student information. Here are some ideas that might be helpful for future enrollment next time.

First, complete an application form and bring it to the Office of Admissions on the left side of the Administration Building. At the same time students are able to see an adviser on the right side of the Administration Building for a walk-in appointment.

All freshmen are required to take an Assessment test and go through orientation. Admissions test will help students select the appropriate. Math and English classes you are eligible to take and threw the mail you will receive an appointment date and time to register by telephone. "All students must take assessment tests

for math and English," said Selma Cohen, secretary of the counseling center.

On the day and time you were given for telephone registration, call (818) 988-2222, to register, using the STEP system. STEP stands for Student Telephone Enrollment Program. Details are given by telephone in you schedule book and information a counselor at home from the Admissions desk.

Anytime a student needs to talk to a counselor at home Call (818) 781-1200 ext 2636.

"Every student should consult with a counselor at least twice a semester; at the beginning and at the end for the follow-up," says Dr. Bruce Thomas, Vice Chairman of Counseling.

Enrollment fees should be paid as soon as possible to avoid delays in receiving your registration fee receipt. Fees are \$12 per unit for California residents, \$128 from another state, and \$133 from another country. Students may pay by credit card (MC or Visa) and by check payable to the Los Angeles Valley College Business office.

Students already enrolled may add or drop classes by phone using the STEP program. The deadline to process add permits with the Office of Admissions is third week after the semester starts. To add during the semester the instructor must add you in the class personally. The enrollment process does need some retooling however. But, these are my tips for a quicker student enrollment for the next semester. If any questions you can contact me at the e-mail address to the side

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Bulls vs Bears. . . What does it mean for you?

By LAMAR WASH
STAR REPORTER

The Bulls vs. Bears in conventional wisdom may suggest two teams competing in a sporting event.

However, in the world of business, these terms can have a different meaning when associated with the financial stability of our nation.

How many times have you heard the expressions "Bear market" or "Bull market" and never gave any thought to their significance in describing the state of one of our most important institutions in America. The stock market.

An in-depth analysis of bull and bear markets is impossible to corral in the confines of this article.

However, this condensed tutorial will give you a better understanding of these stock market conditions and the effects they have on the flow of money. Since our topic is the stock market, we will start there.

As most of us know, the stock market is the trading center where companies sell issues of stock to raise capital for the growth of

their business.

The stocks are sold at a price per share to the general public. Stocks are purchased on the basis of a company's growth potential and the general condition of the economy. Some investors expect long-term growth potential with continued profits called, "dividends". For example, in 1919 Coca-Cola sold for \$1 per share. A one-share purchase, re-investing the dividends every year would be worth almost a million dollars today. This may seem tidy considering market volatility from year to year.

Like the dollar, the stock market is built on confidence. When confidence is high, an over-all good feeling permeates the economy. Conditions such as low-interest rates, increased factory orders, and favorable stocks. The market is then called a "Bull market."

On the other hand, when any or all of the positive factors mentioned above turn negative.

The market begins to downturn. Stocks begin to slip down to 20% percent of their original value and investors take upon themselves to sell stocks for less risky investments such as bonds, treasury bills, gold, and other instruments.

The market, in this downward spiral is called, a "Bear market". Unlike a "Bull market", apathy and uncertainty spread throughout the economy.

This trend relates to individuals

who invest in the stock market that sells shares to low in price. They ultimately buy back the same stock after the price rises, which conceives a loss of profits.

Accurate analysis of market trends and current event is the keys to profitability. Making good investment decisions presents a formidable challenge to the best of market analysts.

Anything from the weather to a country in turmoil can momentarily change the status of a market from the "bullish to bearish".

As did the economic and political strife in Russia cause the second largest U.S. decline in history on Aug 31.

Intelligent investors profit in any market condition. I am reminded of the lyric "You've got to know when to hold and know when to fold" A gamblers credo and a most appropriate summation of the art of investing.

The stock market presents one of the most profitable opportunities in America. Please seek the advice from other qualified professionals and I hope that this article gives you a better understanding of the bull and bear market.

Be smart, be bullish, and keep your dreams alive!



Where can you find affordable child care when attending school during the day time?????

By Laura Renolds
STAR REPORTER

Many students who have children seek affordable child care while attending Valley College. Well..... a helping hand is here!

Serendipity Early Care and Education Center has a friendly staff and a loving atmosphere. The space inside might be small but the care from the teachers provide a good atmosphere for children.

Located at 14125 Burbank Blvd on the north side of Hazeltime Ave. Serendipity is 5 minutes away by car to Valley College, which gives students enough time to take their children to the center on their way to school.

The center also is known for the way they teach children learning and social techniques.

"The center provides a loving staff that teaches the children hands on learning applications in the arts, music, stories, numbers, and phonics." Tuition Rates vary by the child's age. For example a 2 year old will have a weekly rate of \$106.50. A monthly rate cost \$451.50 with an initial registration fee of \$50.00. The annual registration fee (due September 8th) is \$40.00 and the Emergency Preparedness Fee is \$15.00. Also, the late payment for a weekly basis is \$7.50 and the late payment fee for a monthly basis is \$15.00.

According to Sandra all these fees for tuition rates are effective January 1, 1998 and she welcomes all students with younger children to attend the center. "Values and respect for others and their property are taught to each that attend the center" said Ms. Marks. The number to contact Ms. Marks and her staff is (818)785 8574.

Another Child Care Center that is affordable and located in close proximity to Valley College is the **Hesperia Pre School**. Located at 7556 Hesperia Ave in Reseda it provides day care from 6 a.m. through 6 p.m. Established in 1974, Hesperia has a lot of experience when it comes to children and their needs.

They teach children numbers, shapes, matching,

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Eve.(818)994-7124 Ask for Danielle.
10-15 hours per week.

and different geographical maps and with a hot lunch and 2 snacks during the afternoon, children feel very comfortable there. The rate is a modest \$90.00 a week and \$390.00 a month. "We have quality child care with reasonable rates" said Giselle Nagy, director of the day care center. The number to call is (818)-345-1737.

Students at Valley College are making some adjustments for education with their children in mind. Clara Correa a accounting major at Valley College has a full schedule during the week. She has little time to play with her children due to her demanding education.

However, Correa has a distinct advantage. While attending classes on campus her two children ages 3-6 years old also attend the day care program on campus.

The **Child Development Center** is located at the North end of the campus at the far end. "A financial income is based on how much a person earns" said Clara. With rates as low as 0-\$2.00 an hour, this is the cheapest way to go.

Clara's husband works during the day to provide a good home for their children and since this is Clara's first semester, facing the challenge between motherhood and furthering her education is a daunting task.

The program that contributes to this gem is called Cal Works and is part of the welfare program (Aid the Family of Dependent Children). "The center is the best place in the world because I don't have to worry about my child during my work hours," says Virginia Fewless, computer major and current Valley College student.

Other students have also enrolled their children in the day care and with a loving faculty it is known that the parents get a terrific deal. The twist to the day care is that it does not use formal learning, play and interaction is valued more than other day care centers.

There are more articles coming when it comes to child care so continue to read the business section!

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Back in the Swing of things



By ITAY DARVISH
STAR REPORTER

It's everywhere and it's growing. It's already spread from music to clothing, to slang and even dance. They call it Swing.

Also called Big Band music, it's the style of Jazz that dominated the music scene of the 1930s.

Often arranged by large dance bands, it created a whole new perception of music.

Marked by a smoother, more flowing beat, with harmonies and rhythms, it is considered to be less complex than modern Jazz.

Today, Swing is back and it's bigger than ever. Contemporary musicians are intertwining modern beats with traditional Swing samples, creating number one hits on the Billboard charts.

Bands like the Squirrel Nut Zippers, Cherry Poppin' Daddies, Big Bad Voodoo Daddy and the Royal Crown Review are ripping the dance floor away.

The sound of these bands are somewhat different from that of the original swing music era of the 30s.

"Today's swing bands are more hip," Valley College student

Hans Briese said. "They introduce new style to the 90s. It's the baggy suits, the long chains, the swingin' shiny shoes and that pimp hat they all wear. I mean, swing is so money and not a lot of people know it," he said, using a reference from the movie "Swingers."

Swing music has brought back its great style along with the great tunes. The Cherry Poppin' Daddies are a model 90s Swing band that produce great lyrics along with a fast beat and are considered to be one of the hippest, flashiest swing bands out there.

Lead singer Steve Perry believes that early Swing will always be classic. He explained in a recent MTV interview that the goal is not to relive what was once "hip," but rather add more style to the greatest music that ever existed.

Swing bands are even beginning to appear in movies. "Swingers", released this past year, features Big Bad Voodoo Daddy and shows us an example of the stylish sounds and look of Swing. "The Mask" featured a

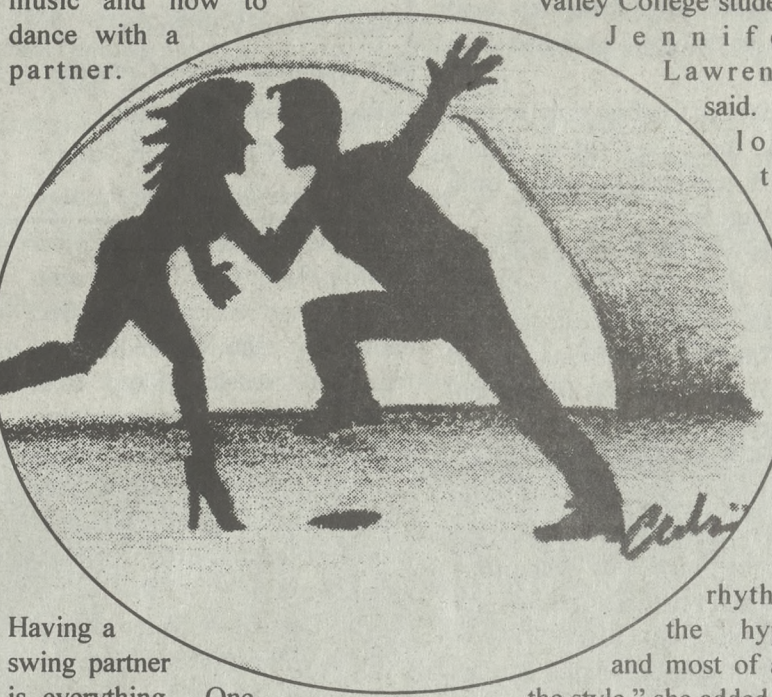
scene where Jim Carey and Cameron Diaz Swing danced.

More and more people are reaching out to learn about the music and how to dance with a partner.

to swing a girl around his back.

"It's a great feeling to be on the floor swingin' all night long to great music,"

Valley College student,
Jennifer Lawrence
said. "I love the



Having a swing partner is everything. One partner tests the other and as the two dance to the beat of the drums, they try to beat each other by going solo and showing off their moves.

Dancing to these types of beats can be tiring, and guys may require to have enough strength

rhythm, the hype, and most of all, the style," she added.

Clubs are rising all over Los Angeles and more bands are forming all the time.

So the next time someone asks you to come swingin', join them. If you haven't swung yet, you have no idea what you're missing out on.

The Amazing Box of Odd Facts!

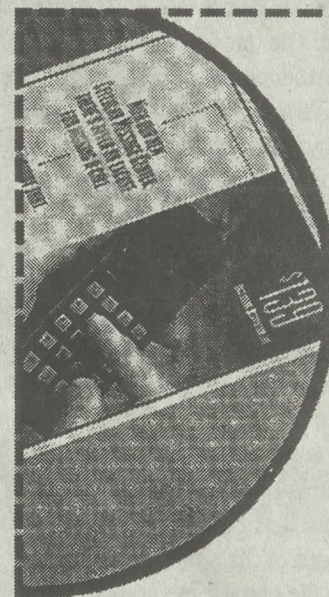
Here's the five mind-boggling extraordinary odd facts for the week and they're all about animals:

5. Rabbits wiggle their noses so they can breathe and smell better.
4. What look likes the back of a dog's knee is actually the beginning of its foot. They walk on their toes.
3. Some female species of mosquitoes can't lay eggs until they've satisfied their hunger for blood.
2. Josh the Wonder Dog was petted by 478,802 people between the years of 1989 and 1997, a world record.
1. One in five people have "intimate relations" in front of their pets.

Facts compiled by Scheereen Dedman

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Valley Star

MTV returns to L.A.

By NANCY E. BARAHONA
AND JOHN MAROT
STAR REPORTERS

The 15th annual MTV Video Music Awards aired last Thursday night live from the Universal Amphitheater and were hosted by comedian Ben Stiller.

This was the first time in four years that the Video Music Awards had been broadcast from Los Angeles.

This was the first time in four years that the Video Music Awards had been broadcast from Los Angeles, a return made from New York's Radio City Music Hall.

Special musical performances included Madonna, the Dave Mathews Band, Marilyn Manson, Hole, the Beastie Boys and the Brian Setzer Orchestra.

Host Ben Stiller, star of this year's hit comedy, "There's Something About Mary," opened the show with big laughs claiming to be a previously unknown and largely unappreciated former member of the Backstreet Boys.

Stiller's comedic routines between presentations were amusing and included a conversation with his father, Jerry Stiller (George's dad on Seinfeld), who complained about the lousy job his son was doing as the host live via satellite.

Presenters included a long list of celebrities such as Whitney Houston, Mariah Carey, Will Smith, Beck, Sarah Michelle Gellar, Rupert Everett, Jennifer Love Hewitt, Chris Tucker, Jackie Chan, and former Spice Girl Geri Hawell.

Winners at the MTV Video Music Awards:

- Video of the Year: Madonna
- Male Video: Will Smith
- Female Video: Madonna
- Group Video: Backstreet Boys
- Rap Video: Will Smith
- Alternative Video: Greenday
- Rock Video: Aerosmith
- Viewers' Choice: Puff Daddy
- Breakthrough Video: Prodigy
- Dance Video: Prodigy
- Video for a Film: Aerosmith
- Direction: Madonna
- Choreography: Madonna
- Speacial Effects: Madonna
- Art Direction: Bjork
- Editing: Madonna
- Cinematography: Fiona Apple
- Video Vanguard: Beastie Boys

Madonna took home the most awards, winning six of nine nominations for her video endeavors. She received awards for Best Female Video, Best Direction, Best Choreography, Best Editing and the coveted Video of the Year award for her video "Ray of Light." She also won Best Special Effects for her video "Frozen."

The Best Male Video award went to Will Smith for "Just the Two of Us." Smith also received the award for Best Rap Video for "Gettin' Jiggy Wit It."

Aerosmith received two awards. One was Best Rock Video for "Pink" and the other was Best Video from a film for "I Don't Want to Miss a Thing" featured in the summer blockbuster "Armageddon."

Prodigy won the Breakthrough Video Award as well as Best Dance Video for their controversial song "Smack My Bitch Up," which MTV played only during late-night programming.

The previously mentioned Backstreet Boys, won Best Group Video without the help of Ben Stiller for "Everybody

(Backstreet is Back)," while Greenday finally won an award for Best Alternative Music Video for "Time of Your Life (Good Riddance)" after many past nominations from which they saw no awards.

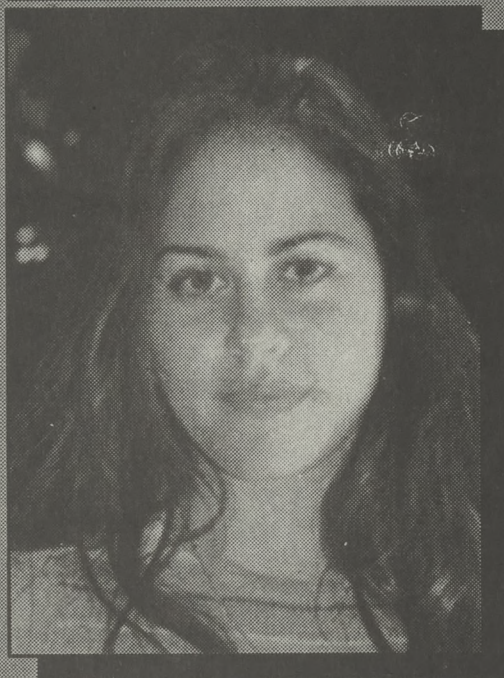
Best Rhythm and Blues Video went to Wyclef Jean featuring the Refugee All Stars for "Gone Till November," and Best New Artist went to former Australian soap star Natalie Imbruglia for "Torn."

On the technical side, Best Art Direction went to Bjork's "Bachelorette" and Best Cinematography went to Fiona Apple's "Criminal."

Some of the more unique awards included The Michael Jackson Video Vanguard award, which went to the Beastie Boys and the Viewer's Choice award, which went to Puff Daddy and The Family for "It's All About the Benjamins (Rock Remix)."

The post show included live interviews with some of the celebrities in attendance such as Monica and the members of Greenday, which wrapped up the MTV Video Music Awards for '98.

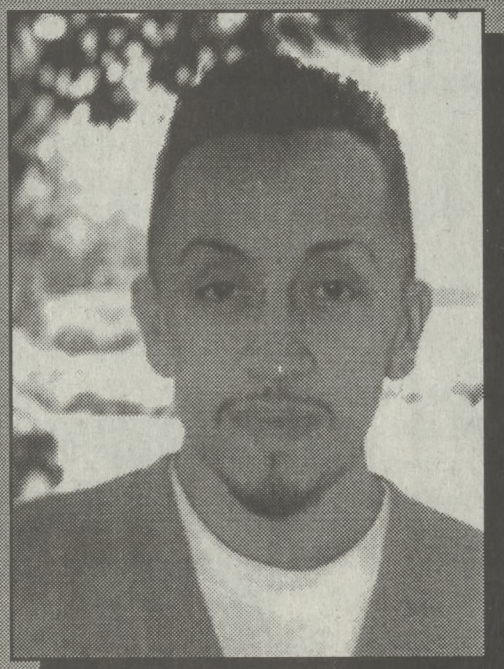
Photo Survey: "What was a highlight of the 1998 MTV Video Music Awards for you?" Photos by Marcy Petrique



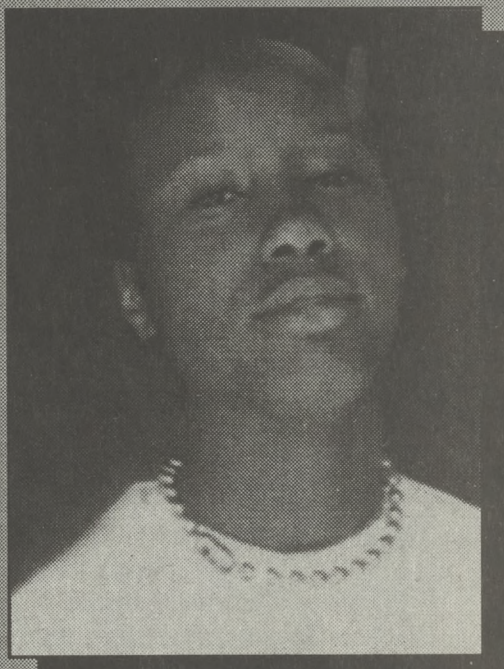
"Madonna."
-Liat Laniado-



"Madonna, definitely Madonna."
-Netaly Calif-



"Madonna 'cause I like her."
-Marcelo Garcia-



"Brandi, Monica, and Marilyn Manson."
-Tynisha Howze

Studio 54 dazzles and dramatizes days of disco

By ALEXIS SCALICE
STAR REPORTER

Silver aunings, wild hair, butts shaking and the song "Freak Out," gave Miramax a phenomenal trailer for their somewhat accurate portrayal of the Manhattan disco revival. Although the film 54 is another attempt of excessive fabrication to hike up the box office numbers, this 91minute musical fetish did have the power to hold most individual's attention span.

Mike Myers truly unveiled his acting talent with his character Steve Rubell, the God of Studio 54. While an 80 year old disco diva danced the night away, floating angel babies and glittering lights enticed the elite crowd Rubell let into his palace. The rules of acceptance to 54 followed the

archaic trend within our society, looks can always get your foot into the door. The question is, how much farther can they lead you? Shane O'Shea, 54's main character played by Ryan Phillippe, answered this question. Infatuated with the male persona, Rubell instantaneously noticed Shane's angelic face, hypnotic eyes, and charismatic ways as the young New Jersey boy ripped off his shirt to join Rubell's musical fantasy island.

Inspired by New Jersey native Julie Black, (Neve Campbell) who landed a soap opera role, Shane wanted out of the small city slums and into the chaotic excitement of New York. Black was a goddess in his eyes and her every move motivated him to continue down this road of artificial social gatherings.

Campbell did not expand her horizons as an actress with this role. She is still "Part of Five's" "Julia, the internally good hearted girl who occasionally acts out in an immoral manner to achieve higher social status.

With the help of Greg (Breckin Myer) and wife Anita, (Salma Hayek) an aspiring singer, Shane becomes a regular face and eventually moves up to bartender, where the money fell into his hands. And where there's money and fortune, drugs and sex follows. In this film, cocaine was as used as often as aspirin. There seemed to be no worries, life was just one big party.

There were long lines on opening night, but empty seats seem to be the end result of a predictable and dramatized 70's party film.

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HOLLYWOOD'S CORNER

Chase over, season over

BY JULIO CORTEZ
STAR REPORTER



The Roger Maris homerun race was over on Sept. 8, when Mark McGwire broke the record with his 62nd homerun in the '98 baseball season. Everything else surrounding baseball was over then.

Though baseball has reached its last month of regular season, the intense was stronger on a homerun total than on a pennant race.

Throughout the '98 season, the world had their eyes on McGwire, Sammy Sosa and Ken Griffey Jr., who were on the verge of breaking the feat.

Baseball fans gave a sigh of relief when McGwire hit his record breaking solo shot that just cleared left field. The homerun chase was over, the nerves were calmed down and everything went back to normal.

Five days later, Sosa became the second player in history to hit 62 homeruns in a single season. By then the fire of the chase was nothing more than a spark.

Though getting a lot of publicity for his accomplishment and tying the record, Sosa and his homerun were awarded the consolation prize.

Sosa wasn't treated as good as McGwire was. Baseball fans were not as thrilled as they were days before he tied the record.

If that happened to the runner-up, how is the third place winner going to be treated.

As of Sept. 16, Griffey has hit 51 homeruns. There are 13 more games left to play in the '98 season. There is a slim chance of him breaking the record. He could easily break it with one of his homerun streaks.

Baseball founders like Babe Ruth, Joe Dimaggio and Jackie Robinson are probably thankful for what McGwire, Sosa and Griffey have done to redeem baseball from having a reputation of being a business rather than of being a sport.

It would be great if Griffey did join his two colleagues at the top of the record books. It would be perfect for the fans. Three major ethnic groups would be represented by these three sluggers.

The sport would certainly redeem itself. But are fans going to be thrilled about having another record holder?

BARLOW

FROM PAGE 8

line of the Mustangs.

Once there, Barlow received another scholarship and was off and playing football for the University Of Pacific.

"I was lucky enough to have the opportunity to play in college," said Barlow.

In 1990, Barlow was drafted by the New York Giants organization as a free agent, but was eventually released and became a member of the Barcelona Dragons in the World League that same year.

During his off season with the Dragons, Barlow reacquainted himself with the Mustangs, this time landing his first job as a coach working with the offensive line.

In 1991, Jim Fenwick gave Barlow a call offering him a position on the Valley Monarch Coaching staff.

Cross country teams run into trouble

Running: Marisol Barajas forced to drop out of race.

By BAXTER CEPEDA
STAR REPORTER

The Valley men's and women's cross country teams competed at the Whittier Invitational held at Ralph Park Sept. 12.

The Valley women came in 10th place out of the 15 teams in the competition with the FILA Track West team coming out on top.

The rest of the field consisted mainly of major universities and private teams.

Gretchen Lohr, women's coach, said she was very happy with the team's performance.

Patricia Loera lead the Monarch women with an eighth place finish.

"Patty did really good," said Lohr.

Yadria Estrada finished 67th, Maria Herrera 85th, Gladis Martinez 89th and Odilly Paraya 122nd overall.

"We were really impressed with our freshmen girls. They did really good," Lohr said.

Team star Marisol Barajas dropped out of the race at the half way point and was unable to continue.

"Marisol only ran 2 miles of the race

because her leg was bothering her a bit," Lohr said. "We want her ready for the conference meet on Friday. We didn't want to take any chances."

Barajas said, "I hope to get better and do what I usually do, it's not that I hope, I have to."

Sophomore Patricia Loera said, "the team is doing really well and we are training hard to get first place at the state meet." The team lost the championship by one point last year.

The men's team finished 13th overall. Jorge Gonzalez led the team with a 62nd place finish.

George Jacob finished 101st, Emanuel Jimenez 117th, Jose Jimenez 124th, pole vaulter Juan Mejia 30th and Fabrizio

Rivera 133rd overall.

"Competition was a lot tougher than what we will see in our conference," Rivera said. "These types of races will help us achieve more in the future conference meets."

"The guys went out real hard with the front pack," Lohr said. "It is really tough because they are running against major university runners."

The course was four miles long which is one mile longer than the Monarchs are accustomed to at a junior college level.

Lohr said it was a very tough course with two big uphill climbs.

The Valley men and women will compete in their first WSC meet at West L.A. on Sept. 18 at 3:30 p.m.

Cheerleaders jumping into competition

By SCHEEREN DEDMAN
STAR REPORTER

The National Cheerleaders Association is already practicing for a national contest during the first week of April in Daytona Beach, Florida.

Ed Santos, the Valley Monarchs' cheerleading coach and choreographer, has been preparing his cheerleaders for the competition of a lifetime.

"I think we'll do really good," said Head Captain Gloria Hernandez, who has been in the program for the past three years. "We have a talented team this year."

The team has talent coming from high schools all over the valley like Van Nuys and Grant, as well as ones from places as far away as Palmdale and Highland.

"I have 12 to 15 tumblers," pointed out Santos. "Last year there was only one."

Everyone is positive about the upcoming competition where the squad will be competing against other colleges like El Camino Real, Palamar, Orange Coast



Marteena Tamayo/Valley Star

Valley Cheerleading squad prepares for their upcoming national competition in Daytona Beach, Florida.

and Citrus.

"Palamar is our biggest competition," said Santos. "They have been in the program for more than five years. So has Orange Coast."

But even with such heavy competition, the squad remains pretty optimistic for

themselves. With the addition of so many new girls this year, it all looks promising.

"We have people with high spirit," said Hernandez. "They like what they are doing. They are committed."

One girl wore a shirt that said, "If cheerleading were any easier, it would be

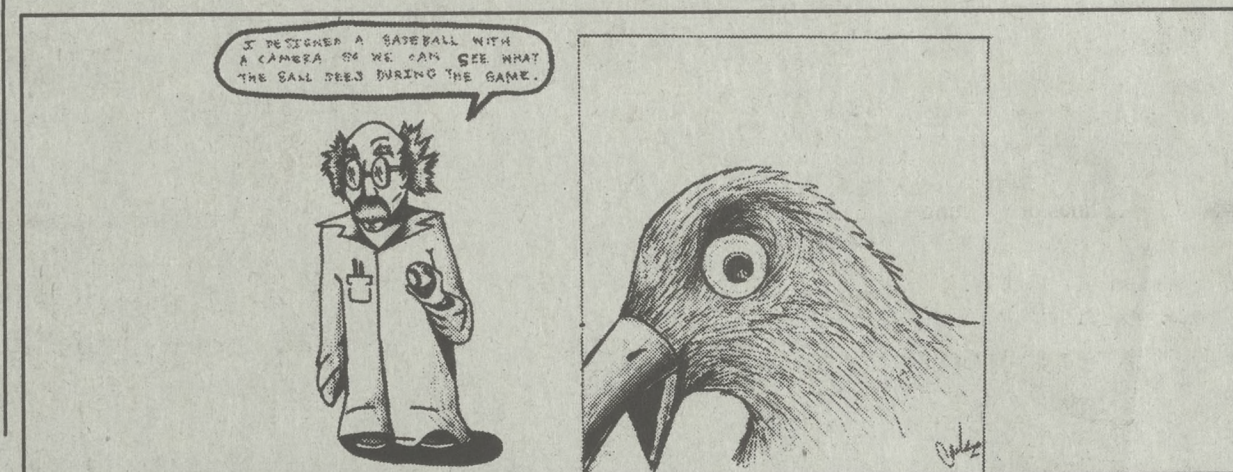
called football."

This is one of many shirts made to express what they feel is the true hard work and determination of cheerleaders that seems to be overlooked by most.

As for the Valley squad... "We carry each other out," said Hernandez.

In the stands...

By CARLOS MENDOZA



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Women's Water Polo Schedule	Men's Water Polo Schedule
*Oct. 2,3: San Diego Mesa Tourney at Valley/S.D.Mesa all day	*Sept. 30: Ventura at Valley 3p.m
*Oct. 7: at Rio Hondo 4 p.m.	*Oct. 3: Cypress Tourney at Cypress all day
*Oct. 14: Santa Monica at Valley 4 p.m.	*Oct. 7: Rio Hondo at Rio Hondo 3 p.m.
*Oct. 15: East L.A. at Valley 4 p.m.	*Oct. 9,10: Citrus and Mt. San Antonio Tourney at Citrus and Mt. San Antonio all day
*Oct. 16,17: Cypress Tourney at Citrus all day	

Water polo drowns El Camino College

By RICHARD ADES
STAR REPORTER

For a whole hour, the women's water polo team dominated El Camino College in a 16-5 sinking, which followed behind an earlier men's 10-8 victory over the Warrior's on Tuesday.

Stephanie Hammer led the women's charge with seven goals, while Milissa Minkey shut down El Camino's scoring attempts 11 times.

"The game went very well overall," said women's head coach Wonmeen Jun. "There's still a lot of things we need to work on."

Karina Leiva, Lianna Kishimoto, Linda Normandy, Shareen Pena, Tanya Wold and Sierra Legnard also contributed in the scoring

melee.

"We will get stronger and better throughout the year," said Kishimoto.

On the men's side, Loran Leidinger, Ryan Rittmiller and Brian Ellis combined for nine goals as goalies Andrew Langer and Matt Pennington preserved Valley's victory with 14 saves.

"The main thing the team did right was defend against the two pointers," said men's head coach Bill Kraus. "This was a key non-league game that's going to help us get to the playoffs."

The men's and women's teams each kicked off the season playing in separate tournaments Sept. 11-12.

Both teams won two games at the tournament.

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Sept. 15

Valley 10, El Camino 8

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Valley 14, Cerritos 2
Valley 12, Mt. San Antonio 7

Sept. 15

Valley 16, El Camino 5

FOOTBALL

The Commission on Athletics has announced that this year's California Community College state football championship will be held on Dec. 12 at Hughes Stadium in Sacramento.

BASEBALL

The Valley Rockies will be holding tryouts for a new scout team on Sept. 26, 8 a.m. at Valley College. Interested players can contact Brad Gunches at 509-0677 for more information.

BASKETBALL

Mens camp

Men's Head Coach Doug Michelson got the Monarchs started off on their quest for the Western State Conference Championship Friday by holding an intensive practice that featured three returning players and 15 new players. However, Michelson will have to cut three players before the beginning of the season so that he can satisfy the 15 man roster rule set by the Western State Conference Athletic Commission.

Womens camp

A bigger and faster womens basketball team showed up into camp this year. With seven returning players and 10 new players, Coach John Taylor finally has the team to beat this coming season.

**Got Sports?
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Valley ready to hike Pierce 30th straight loss

■ **Football:** Monarchs looking to extend their five game win streak against rival.

By MICHAEL ROCHE
STAR REPORTER

Saturday's football game pitting cross-town rivals Pierce College and the Valley Monarchs has more implications than one might expect.

Underlining this rivalry is whether or not Valley can hand The Brahmas their 30th consecutive loss and remain undefeated for their sixth straight meeting since 1992.

"That's certainly what we're set out to do," said Monarch head Coach Gary Barlow.

Under the gun and leading the Monarch's offensive campaign will be freshman quarterback Travis Winn, whose previous predecessors combined for an average bombardment of 48.2 points per game between 1992-1997 against a lackluster Brahma defense.

At the receiving end of Winn's passes will be sophomore playmakers Scott Collins and Kevin Carlsen, who caught 36 completions for 519 yards last season.

Disrupting Pierce's offense are defensive backs Donte Morgan, Charles Law and Ron Atkins, who combined for four picks last year and linebacker Marc Zimmerman who had 43 unassisted

tackles in 1997.

As for the Brahmas, coming off a disheartening 21-18 loss to San Diego Mesa after squandering an 18-0 third quarter lead, Coach Bill Norton has remained focused on eliminating Valley's game plan.

"Whether we've lost a 100 in a row or won a 100 in a row, it's a big rivalry game and we'd like to beat them," Norton said.

Running back Donald Carpenter, quarterback Calvin Zink and wide-out Vaughn Corley pose the biggest scoring threat against Valley's secondary.

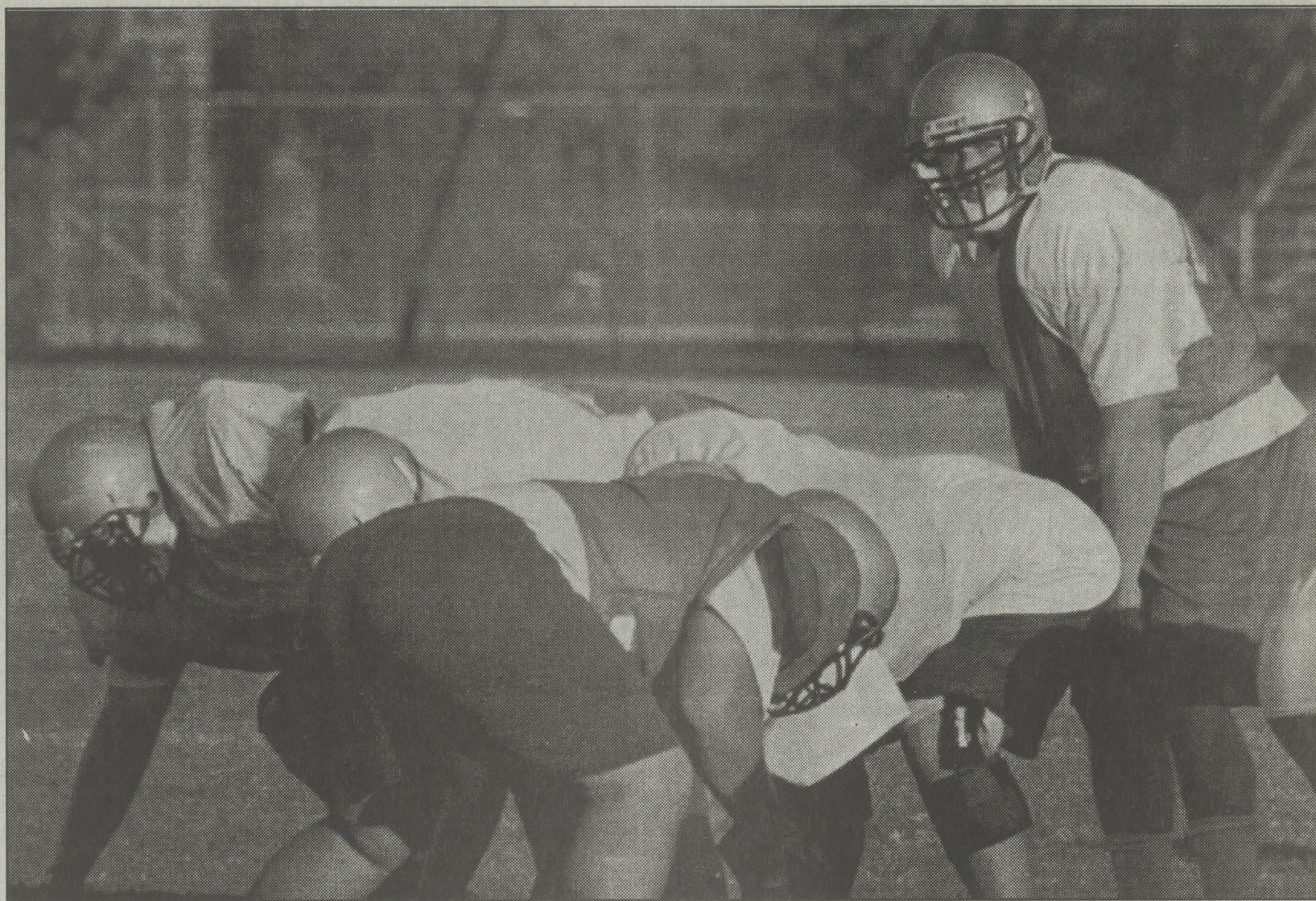
"If a team can run on you consistently, it's very hard to win the game," said Barlow. "So our emphasis is going to be on shutting down the running game and control the passing game."

Besides witnessing a great game, Barlow said fans will get a chance to see

the quality of character that off season recruiting has assembled and now surrounds the Monarch team.

According to Barlow, strong character traits build competitiveness and is an essential ingredient in producing a winning ball club.

"If we can compete at our highest level for 60 minutes, we have a chance to win every game on our schedule," Barlow said.



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Valley college's football team practicing just days before their season opener at Pierce's Shepard stadium.

Travis 'Winns' starting role as quarterback

■ **Football:** Valley's quarterback named. Winn expected to ignite Monarch offense.

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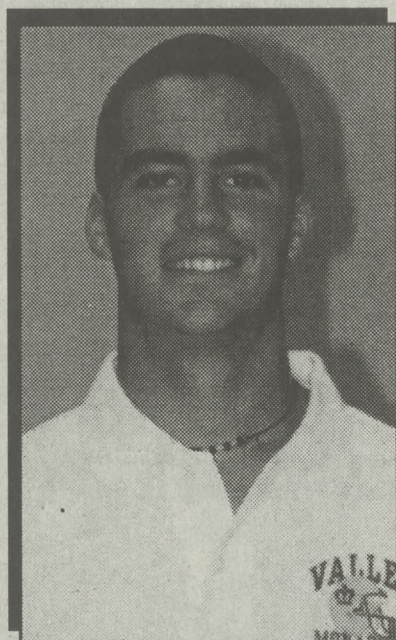
In one of the most difficult decisions of coach Gary Barlow's tenure, Barlow has given freshman quarterback Travis Winn the start in Saturday's football game against Pierce College.

"We have four quality quarterbacks that really are not that far apart, but Travis has separated himself from the others in terms of his ability to move the team," Barlow said.

Winn, who began playing Pop Warner six years ago with the Chatsworth Chiefs before quarterbacking for Chatsworth High School, always dreamed of one day playing for Valley.

"I always wanted to play here because it's a great passing school and football school," Winn said.

At Chatsworth High School in 1996, Winn threw for 1,229 yards and nine touchdowns



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going 91-173 with eight picks on the season.

Consistent training and successful scrimmage work-outs enabled Winn to beat out sophomores Michael Adams, Todd McLean and freshman Michael Adams for the starting position.

"Every one of the other quarterbacks are real tough and competitive," Winn said. "The competition was tight."

Replacing last year's quarterback Tom Racijs and his fourth place all-time Valley passing record is Winn's capacity of spreading out the field, reading

defensive schemes and picking up blitzes.

"He has a great deal of athletic ability in terms of moving in the pocket," Barlow said.

His leadership ability, throwing accuracy and quality arm strength also played an important role in naming Winn as the new Monarch starter said Barlow.

Besides opening day jitters, mental and physical preparations enhance an otherwise confident quarterback.

"I worked hard last fall and through the spring so it feels really good," said Winn.

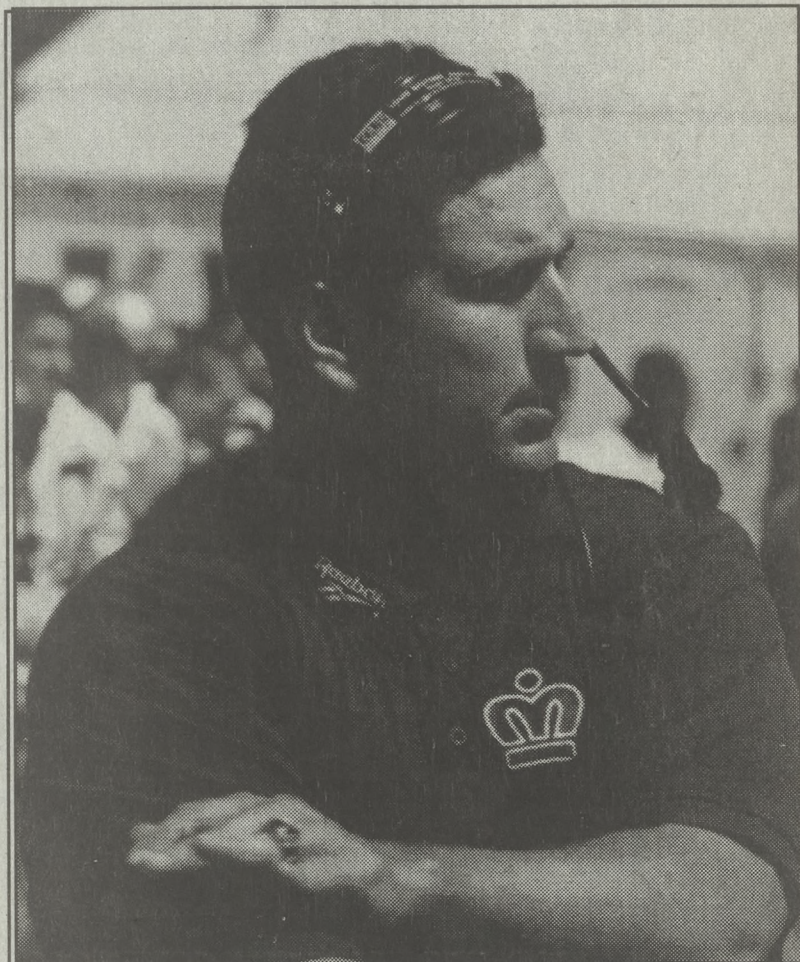


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Experience heads Monarch football

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Gary Barlow enters his second year as head coach providing the background, knowledge and experience necessary in keeping a football program rich in tradition alive.

Barlow began his football career at Tracy High School in Tracy, California where he became a three sport letterman

playing basketball, football and baseball, before receiving a football scholarship to the University Of Wyoming.

"I started playing football in high school and right away I was drawn to it and enjoyed the competition," Barlow said.

Shortly after, Barlow transferred to San Joaquin Delta College and joined the offensive

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